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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Liaison Division

FROM: [redacted] Liaison Division
Office Of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Relationship with GAO

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1. In a meeting with GAO Representatives Al Huntington, Rick Barrett and Jack Bolz on 23 September the following points were covered with respect to GAO use of Agency classified information:

-- The relationship is based upon the Comptroller General's memo to GAO Division Heads dated 29 January 1980. The Agency participated in preparation of the GAO memo and concurred in it. Both Agencies consider it to be in effect until such time as it is changed.

2. The GAO representatives have ^{been} advised that:

-- The overriding requirement for the Agency is to protect intelligence sources and methods. This means that when the GAO plans to write a classified report based on intelligence information, the Agency will be given first review of the draft report. CIA will review it for proper classification and protection of sources and methods.

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3. Al Huntington, speaking for the group, agreed to the above, in fact he suggested the idea of giving CIA first review of future classified draft reports. He said he would report on our discussion to his superior, Frank Conohan, Director, International Division, and either he or Mr. Conohan will be in touch with us. Mr. Conohan was a participant on the arrangements with the Agency on the Comptroller General's memo and should recognize that the proposals discussed are within the spirit of that memo.

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